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DEATH OF CITY ATTY. JOSEPH E. DOUGLASS

OCCURRED SUDDENLY LAST EVENING AT 6:30 AT HIS HOME ON HIGH SCHOOL HILL

FOLLOWS SOON AFTER STROKE

Former County Judge Had Been in Poor Health for Several Months Following Paralytic Stroke

From Tuesday's Daily. It was with shock and surprise that the community learned last evening of the sudden death of Joseph E. Douglass, for several terms county judge of Cass county and at the time of his death city attorney of Plattsmouth. The death of Judge Douglass occurred at his home on high school hill shortly before 7 o'clock. He had been in consultation with a number of the members of the council at his office at 6 o'clock and left there to go to dinner at his home and had just stepped onto the porch at the home when he fell, and never regained consciousness, passing away a few moments later.

The death not only comes as a severe blow to the family, but to the community as well for there were few better known or more highly esteemed men in the community than the able and genial city attorney. To those who had the opportunity of knowing him best the judge was a pleasure, and his genial manner and splendid Christian citizenship had endeared him to the whole community.

It is not without personal feeling that we pay a brief tribute to the departed friend, as he was for a number of years with the Journal as city editor and during that time the most cordial feeling grew up between the members of the staff of the paper and Judge Douglass that only the sudden death has terminated, and during his time with this paper he gave the most careful service that was so characteristic to his daily life and we feel that it has been a loss of a friend whose place will be hard to fill in the coming years in the passing of Judge Douglass.

To the sorrowing wife and daughters and son the sympathy of the friends over Cass county will go out in their loss. In their grief they can have the inspiration of the calm, pleasant and Christian life of the departed to bear with them on the journey through the future years, lighting the way to the realms where the sorrow of parting is no more.

There remains to mourn the death of this good man, the widow, two daughters, Mrs. E. O. Steinhilf of Bloomington, Indiana, Miss Vesta Douglass of this city and one son, Dean Douglass, living at home. Mrs. Douglass and the son were the only members of the family at home at the time of the death, Miss Vesta Douglass being on a visit to the sister in Indiana. One brother, Dr. G. G. Douglass of Elmwood, is also left to mourn the death of Judge Douglass.

DAMAGE SUIT FILED FOR A LARGE SUM

Harriet Morris of Nehawka, Files Action in District Court Against Three Persons.

From Tuesday's Daily. Three suits were filed in the district court today aggregating the sum of \$60,000 and involving action against three of the prominent residents of Nehawka. The plaintiff in the actions is Henrietta Morris and the firm of Stocker & Ford of Lincoln appear in the action for the plaintiff.

The suit of Henrietta Morris vs. George C. Sheldon asks damages for the sum of \$25,000 and in the petition the plaintiff charges that the defendant had made charges and statements against the plaintiff in regard to her taking money belong-

ing to Verna Harris, while she was employed at the Sheldon Manufacturing company, and as a result she had lost her position and become an object of public scandal as well as suffering a severe nervous breakdown as the result of charges. The date of Saturday, April 24th, is the time given as when the statements were made against the plaintiff that furnish the basis of the cause of action.

The suit of Henrietta Morris against Peter M. Boeck is for the sum of \$25,000 and the cause of action is the same as that claimed in the case against Mr. Sheldon.

Mrs. Bertha Klaurens is made the defendant in the third case in the sum of \$10,000 with the same charges as those in the other cases, that of statements made concerning the plaintiff, Henrietta Morris, as to her having taken money belonging to Verna Harris.

GIVES UP ATTEMPT TO TALK WITH MARS

Dr. Frederick Millener, of Omaha, Ceases Experiments with Wireless Plant Near Here.

From Tuesday's Daily. The experiments which were conducted last week at the Gerner ranch near Cedar Creek by Mr. Gerner and Dr. Frederick Millener, of Omaha, in order to try and establish communication with the planet Mars, which on Wednesday approached the closest that it will be to the earth for a number of years, have decided that the inhabitants of the neighboring world, if they existed, were not trying sound waves as a means of communication with the earth.

"For three nights I have sought through interstellar space for a signal from Mars," said Dr. Millener. "I have found none. For three nights our wireless instruments have been in condition to receive messages originating millions and millions of miles without the orbit of the earth.

"No such messages have been circulating the ether, or at least, no electrical wireless waves have been hurled at the earth by the people of Mars. The Martians, if there are such beings, may have been trying to signal the earth by some other methods and means. But they have not been trying to reach us with wireless waves in the last three nights.

"Had they been doing so we would have had their messages."

K. P. LODGE AT NEHAWKA BURGLARIZED LAST WEEK

Last Tuesday night the desk in which the K. P. Lodge keep a number of their belongings, was broken into and their jewels, some postage stamps, etc., were taken. The room which is also occupied by the Nehawka Business Mens' League, was always left unlocked and the two boys mixed up in the deal had made use of the room and wrestling mat as a lodging place for two or three nights. This was not known until after the property had been taken.

After taking the articles they journeyed to Plattsmouth where they attempted to dispose of the stolen articles and by chance stopped one of the members of the local order who was a stranger to them and sold him some of the jewels. When he returned home he showed other members what he had purchased so cheaply for the lodge and it was soon discovered he had bought their own belongings. While the intruder was selling the stolen property, including some stamps, he was suspected of being a crook and given fifteen minutes to leave the county seat by the authorities. In the meantime his pal returned to Nehawka where he denied the theft and was not molested. The other fellow walked down from Plattsmouth and after receiving a tip from his buddy, who had arrived here first, he left town in short order and has not been seen or heard from since. If this deal had been pulled off in some towns no doubt one or both of these fellows would now be serving a jail sentence.—Nehawka News-Ledger.

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UNCERTAIN PRICE CONDITIONS PREVAIL

NEBRASKA GAS & ELECTRIC CO. FINDS COST OF FUEL AND OIL IS INCREASING.

RATE ADJUSTMENT NEEDED

According to Statement Given Manager Kuykendall from the Head Offices in Omaha.

From Monday's Daily. In regard to the conditions prevailing in the market in regard to fuel and oil used in the securing of electric power and manufacture of gas the head offices of the large power companies are issuing information for the benefit of their branch offices and Manager James Kaykendall of the local company has received the following statement as to the conditions prevailing in the gas manufacturing plants.

Mr. Jas. Kuykendall, Mgr., Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., Plattsmouth, Nebr. Dear sir: We were fortunate up to the present time to have contracts on oil and coke, which raw material was used in the manufacture of gas and as our contracts have just expired we find ourselves confronted with the following situation.

Under our contract, using Beatrice which is the closest town to the oil fields, our oil was delivered for \$5.32 and with the lowest possible buying point today, oil is \$11.22. On the same basis of delivery, coke price was \$11.78 and the lowest possible point on which we can contract today is \$15.90. This represents an increase of oil of 113 per cent and of 36 per cent in coke. On these two figures, the cost of oil and coke will increase our gas cost approximately 40 cents per 1000 cu. ft.

We are going to be confronted very shortly with a further increase in freight rates and I think it advisable to get in communication with your council, possibly making it general in the papers, as to the fallacy to attempt to operate on a fixed rate with these varying conditions in prices. If we could just educate the people to know that it is just as fair to them as to us to have the rate fixed on the varying conditions, I am satisfied that we would be in better position to demand a decrease when the prices went down, if the rate could be fixed on our cost of these raw materials.

We should start out immediately collecting data as to just how much this increase in coke and oil will increase our operating expense. If you want any information from this office, we would be glad to furnish it to you. I would like a letter back from you or an expression after you have analyzed it and what this increased cost will do to you and just what increase in rates you ought to ask for. Yours very truly,

J. B. HARVEY, Vice President.

Why Rates Should Vary

The utility business was never confronted with such varying and uncertain prices of the raw materials such as coal, coke and oil, which are the main items in the manufacture of electricity and gas.

The trend of all prices have been upward but they change so often and so widely that no one will buy any large quantity of material at any one time, hoping, as we all do, that the top has been reached and the scale will start downward. Our costs then are different every month and we naturally get panicky when they continue to climb.

No one is more anxious for the return of normal conditions, or the establishment of a fixed rate than we are, but until that time does come, we are going to be subjected to widely varying costs and in order not to have to keep rates up, to compensate for earlier losses, it is only fair and equitable that the consumer pay rates for service based on its benefit of reducing prices and costs would more quickly revert back to the consumer.

It is not difficult to arrive at the normal costs of raw materials or to find the present prices and knowing what the variation was each month the cost could be increased or decreased just as the price of merchandise or groceries varies.

This is simply an explanation of the situation that causes us to be continually asking for different rates and a suggestion of how rates can be fixed to be fair to all parties concerned.

Financing of Utility Companies. They are the merchants, householders, teachers, clerks, stenographers, lawyers, doctors, dentists, mechanics, policemen, widows, orphans people in all walks of life, who have a part or all of their savings invested in gas companies.

This great body of citizens is the backbone of the gas industry—an industry one hundred per cent American—which asks for the right to conduct its business on a profitable basis so as to maintain a reasonably satisfactory service and pay its investors a fair return on their money.

Among these investors are life insurance companies and savings banks. Every individual who has a life insurance policy or a Savings Bank deposit, is, therefore, vitally interested in having these institutions obtain a profit on their gas company investments.

In the truest sense of the word the gas industry belongs to the American people because it is owned by the American people and the profits (if there are any) are shared by the American people.

NEBR. GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

LEARN OF RELATIVE'S DEATH ENROUTE EAST

Brother-in-Law of Mrs. H. H. Kuhnley and Uncle of Mrs. Henry Hesse Stricken on Train.

From Monday's Daily. This morning a telegram was received here announcing the death of James Creamer, of Dunlap, Iowa, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Harry Kuhnley and uncle of Mrs. Henry Hesse, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Creamer have been in California for some time, where they went owing to the poor health of Mr. Creamer and had started back to their home at Dunlap, Iowa, and while enroute Mr. Creamer died on the train, having what seems to have been a sudden attack of heart failure.

The body of Mr. Creamer was taken on to the old home at Dunlap, where the funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

OLD RESIDENT OF COUNTY PAYS VISIT

E. G. Cooley, One of Old Timers in Vicinity Spends Sunday Here At Home of Nephew.

From Monday's Daily. Yesterday E. G. Cooley, one of the pioneer residents of Cass county, and who has for several years past been making his home in California, was in the city a guest at the home of his nephew, George R. Sayles and family.

Mr. Cooley will be well remembered by the older residents of this city as well as Louisville and Eight Mile Grove precinct, where he made his home for a long period of years.

In the last few years he has resided in California, but is now coming back to the central west to make his home.

The youngest son of Mr. Cooley, Dwight Cooley, was with the U. S. army in France during the war and has secured a homestead in northern Minnesota and Mr. Cooley is expecting in the future to make his home with the son on the homestead. He departed this morning for Cedar Creek to spend a short time there with Mrs. George Sayles, Sr., and family before leaving for his future home in Minnesota.

MURRAY CHRISTIAN AID SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid society of the Christian church of Murray will meet on Wednesday, May 5th with Mesdames Charles Creamer and Walter Sans at the Creamer home. All members and friends are cordially invited. a26-3w.

ODD FELLOWS STAGE A BIG CELEBRATION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED BY LOCAL ORDER LAST EVENING

GIVE A VERY FINE PROGRAM

Banquet Served at Close of Evening is a Feast Enjoyed by Odd Fellows and Members of Rebekah Order

From Wednesday's Daily. To the members of the great fraternal order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Daughters of Rebekah, the ladies auxiliary of the order, who were in attendance last evening at the splendid observance of the one hundred and first anniversary held in this city—the wonderful growth of the Odd Fellows since the 26th day of April, 1819—when five men first established the fraternity in these United States—was brought home most strikingly.

As one gazed over the lodge room thronged with the enthusiastic and happy members of the two organizations, it was hard to realize that this had been made possible by the five English emigrants gathered in the Seven Star tavern in the city of Baltimore a century ago and that the fraternity today embraced over 2,000,000 members in every state of the union.

The members of the local Odd Fellows and Daughters of Rebekah, have for several weeks planned a fitting observance of the anniversary of the order as at the time of the century anniversary the nation was just emerging from the great world conflict and many of the members were in Europe in service with the army of their nation and it was impossible to fittingly celebrate the great event. Since then the 61,000 members of the Odd Fellows who were in the service of their country have returned to the pursuits of peace and accordingly the proper observance was planned.

The committee had been busily engaged in preparing to make the occasion the most notable in the history of the local order and more than made good in the splendid entertainment and banquet held last evening. The lodge rooms and the banquet hall had been fittingly prepared for the occasion and throughout the rooms the national colors, the red, white and blue and the star spangled banner predominated in the decorations, testifying to the intense patriotism that has so long been one of the cardinal virtues of the I. O. O. F. and the Rebekahs.

A short session of the lodge was held preceding the formal observance of the evening and at the close the members of the order and the ladies were invited to the lodge rooms where the formal program was to be enjoyed. Former Mayor John P. Sattler, chief patriarch of the local encampment presided over the meeting and briefly stated the reasons for the gathering and welcomed to the lodge rooms the visiting brothers of the order and the ladies of the auxiliary fraternity.

The opening ode of the I. O. O. F. was given by the members of the assembly at the conclusion of the remarks of Mr. Sattler and followed by the invocation by the chaplain of Platte lodge, No. 7, John E. Kirkham.

During the evening a number of selections were given on the Pathe machine that proved most pleasing to the large number present.

A short history of Platte lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F. was given by Secretary Harry T. Short. This lodge was brought into existence in August, 1862, when W. B. Warbritten, E. Giles, C. P. Bermarden, R. M. Clardy and D. H. Wheeler petitioned the grand lodge of Nebraska for a charter for a lodge in Plattsmouth to be known as Platte lodge No. 7, and on August 27, 1862, the lodge was instituted and at the end of that year the membership numbered 12. In 1887 a second lodge, Cass lodge No. 164 was instituted but in 1900 this

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NOW ENGAGED IN BUSINESS

From Tuesday's Daily. Victor Krievanek of this city has engaged in a new line of work that is meeting with the greatest of success and giving this young man an opportunity of demonstrating his business ability. Vic has been appointed the Cass county representative of the Curtis and International publishing companies and is handling the subscriptions for the Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal and Country Gentleman and meeting with the best of success in this line. He has started a canvass of the county and expects to reach every home with his magazines. The office of Mr. Krievanek is two doors south of the postoffice and here he can be found each day attending to the rapidly increasing business of his companies.

CITY LOSES SERVICES OF A GOOD OFFICER

In Retirement of Officer Henry Trout Community Loses a Faithful and Efficient Public Servant

From Tuesday's Daily. The announcement this morning that Officer Henry Trout was to be no longer a member of the night police force of the city came as a welcome surprise to the citizens in general and particularly the residents along Main street over whose property Mr. Trout has exercised watchfulness. It was the general opinion at the time Mr. Trout was put on the force last winter that the city was fortunate in securing him and today with his retirement the same opinion exists judging from the remarks of those who have business establishments along Main street. His careful work in making the rounds of the business houses each evening has saved many merchants from possible loss by reason of having thoughtlessly left their door open and which fact being discovered by Mr. Trout, the merchants were communicated with and the matter looked after. Personally a genial and pleasant gentleman he has made many friends among the citizens who will genuinely regret to see him relieved of his position. It is a loss that will be felt by the city without a doubt.

The chairman for Cass county is Attorney C. A. Rawls of this city and the organization of sub-committees and community chairmen have been made and the task of securing the funds will be carried forward this week if the weather permits it being done.

The campaign is both state and nation wide and 12,500 workers are out all over Nebraska soliciting the state's quota of \$336,777.57 to the fund that is to be raised over the nation.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC. I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by my wife hereafter and notice is hereby given to the public. 3rd 2tw. ROBERT SHRADER.

GREAT DEMAND FOR MONUMENTS AT PRESENT TIME

From Monday's Daily. Harry W. Smith of the Cass County Monument Works, has been kept very busy the past few weeks in filling the orders that have come in for monuments and the result has been that he is forced to have another order made for the famous Vermont granite from which the greater part of the monuments are made.

A large number of fine monuments have been turned out by Mr. Smith and placed in the cemetery in this city as well as in the small country cemeteries near here and the fine workmanship has given the greatest of satisfaction to the purchasers.

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